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PROCEEDINGS OF THE
59th MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

HELD ON 01 SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 2:00 PM
AT PLATINUM JUBILEE AUDITORIUM, ISI

The following members were present:

Sl. No.	N A M E	Sl. No.	N A M E
1	Bimal K. Roy	23	Prabal Roy Chaudhury
2	Pradipta Bandyopadhyay	24	Krishnendu Mukhopadhyaya
3	CA Murthy	25	Pabitra Pal Choudhury
4	Dipti Prasad Mukherjee	26	Alok Goswami
5	Madhura Swaminathan	27	Subir Ghosh
6	Nityananda Sarkar	28	Banasri Basu
7	Debashish Goswami	29	Indraneel Dasgupta
8	Mahuya Dutta	30	Bhabatosh Chanda
9	Premananda Bharati	31	Mandar Mitra
10	Manoranjan Pal	32	Guruprasad Kar
11	Rajat Kumar De	33	Aditya Bagchi
12	Pradipta Maji	34	Bharat Ramaswami
13	Subhamoy Maitra		Following members were present via VC.
14	Nabanita Das		
15	B.P. Sinha	35	TSSRK Rao
16	Saurabh Ghosh	36	Siva Athreya
17	M.Z. Anis	37	BV Rajarama Bhat
18	Amitava Bandyopadhyay	38	NSN Sastry
19	Prasun Das	39	SM Bendre
20	Arup K. Das	40	Arunava Sen
21	Somnath Ray	41	Anish Sarkar
22	Ashis K. Chakrabaorty	42	E. Somanathan

Agenda Item 1. Confirmation of the proceedings of the 58th meeting of the Academic Council, held on 28th February, 2014.

The proceedings of the 58th meeting of the Academic Council, held on 28th February, 2014, as circulated, were confirmed.

Agenda Item 2. Matters arising out of the 58th meeting of the Academic Council, held on 28th February, 2014.

The actions taken on matters that arose out of 58th Meeting of the AC were reported.

Agenda Item 3. Status report on various extant committees by the Dean of Studies.

The Dean of Studies presented the status report of the different committees whose reports are awaited.

Prof. Aditya Bagchi informed that the committee to look into the Course Structure for the 2nd Semester of the M Tech (CS) Programme has not been able to reach any conclusions yet. He also requested that he should be relieved as the chair of the committee as he is about to retire. The committee will be reconstituted with Prof C A Murthy as the chair. The Director will suggest the names of the other members in consultation with Prof C A Murthy.

Professor Indraneel Dasgupta reported that the committee to study the proposal to introduce a JRF programme in Development Studies at ISI Bangalore is waiting for comments from external experts which are expected soon. He suggested that once the committee submits its report, it may be considered by circulation so that the programme, if approved, may be offered from the next academic year. Director said that the report may be circulated and if there is no debate, this may be finalised through circulation, but if there is debate, it is better to discuss it in an AC meeting.

It was suggested that the committees that are more than two years' old and are yet to submit their report should be either dissolved or reconstituted. The Dean and the Director was entrusted with this responsibility.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of results of B Stat/B Math/M Stat/M Math/MS(QE)/M Tech (CS)/M Tech (QROR)/MS (LIS)/Ph D/Certificate course etc.

The results of B Stat, B Math, M Math, MS(QE), MS(LIS) were approved. It was decided that the remaining results may be approved by circulation if there is no controversy.

Two members objected to approval of the B Stat result of B. Phani Pratyusha.

Some members expressed concern that all the results could not be placed in the AC even in September. It was reported that this was due to extreme delay in submission of marks by some teachers. This was recognised as a serious issue. It was decided that marks should be submitted within 2 weeks of the exam. If any teacher fails to do so, a reminder should be sent and the Director should be informed.

Agenda Item 5. Consideration of the report of the M Tech (QR&OR) syllabus review committee set up by the 52nd meeting of the AC (Agenda item 5).

Dr. Amitava Bandyopadhyay, Chair of the review committee, explained in the salient features of the proposed revised syllabus. The revised syllabus was accepted by the AC.

Agenda Item 6. Consideration of a proposal by Prof. Bharat Ramaswami et al to allow late registration of some Ph.D. students at EPU, ISI Delhi Centre.

Prof. Bharat Ramaswamy explained the reasons for the delay. Director advised to be careful and registration should be done in time. The AC approved these late registrations as special case with the understanding that this should not be taken as a precedence.

Agenda Item 7. Consideration of the report of the committee setup by the 57th meeting of the AC (Agenda item 8) to study the proposal of introducing co-supervisor for our Ph D students.

The convenor of the committee presented the salient features of the report. After some discussions, the proposal was accepted. The role of the RFAC was emphasised. It was pointed out that the interest of the students should get primary importance. If there are more than one supervisors, their relative roles should be well-defined.

Agenda Item 8. Consideration of a proposal by Prof. Dipti Prasad Mukherjee et al related to admission test for selection of JRF in Computer Science.

After some discussions the AC declined the proposal.

Agenda Item 9. Consideration of a proposal by Prof. Alok Goswami et al related to flexibility in taking the course “Time Series Analysis” in M Stat – I Yr programme.

Proposal accepted.

Agenda Item 10. Consideration of a proposal by Prof. Krishnendu Mukhopadhyaya et al for issuance of scorecards for Ph D course work.

Proposal accepted.

Agenda Item 11. Consideration of a proposal by Prof. Siva Athreya et al for elective courses in economics for B Math (Hons) – III Yr.

The proposal accepted in principle. However a committee of Prof. Nityananda Sarkar and Prof. E Somanathan will look into the proposed syllabus and report.

Agenda Item 12. Consideration of proposals for two elective courses in M Tech (CS) programme.

1. Information Retrieval by Dr. Debapriyo Majumdar (supported by Prof. Aditya Bagchi et al).

Dr. Mandar Mitra and Prof. Soumen Chakraborty of IIT, Bombay will look into the proposed syllabus and report.

2. Cognitive Science by Dr. Garga Chatterjee (supported by Prof. B.B. Chaudhuri et al).

Prof. Sumitra Purkaystha, Prof. Probal Dasgupta and some external expert will look into the proposed syllabus and report.

Agenda Item 13. Consideration of the report of Prof. Bhabatosh Chanda on a proposal by Prof. BS Daya Sagar et al to introduce a course entitled “Mathematical Morphology and Applications” as an elective/optional course for (i) M Tech (CS) and also for (ii) JRF-CS group – B course of CCSD.

Proposal accepted by the AC.

Agenda Item 14. Consideration of a proposal by the Director for a joint programme with IIT, KGP and IIM, Kolkata to introduce a PG Diploma programme in Business Analytics.

The concept note was accepted in principle. The Director will appoint a committee to work out the details of the curriculum and other issues related to the proposal. Prof. Debasis Sengupta will chair the committee. He will suggest the names of the other members to the Director. Dr. Prasun Das expressed concern that the proposed programme may have some conflicts in terms of intake and placement with our existing M Tech (QR&OR) and MS (QMS) programmes.

Agenda Item 15. Miscellaneous.

Director proposed to modify the pass-fail rule to have the provision of repetition even after the Compensatory Exam. It was suggested that the Compensatory Exam may be scrapped. It was felt that this should come as a full agenda item in a subsequent AC. Profs Rajarama Bhat and B P Sinha will formulate a suitable agenda.

The AC expressed its thanks to the members of the committees which submitted their reports.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**Sd/-
(Bimal K. Roy)
Director &
Chairman, Academic Council**